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Fiscal Note

SF 2032 - Crime Victim Compensation (LSB 5035 SV)

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Requested by Senator Maddox

Description

Senate File 2032 provides new benefits and increases certain current benefits for crime victims, to be paid by the Crime Victim Compensation Fund administered by the Department of Justice.

Assumptions

1. FY 2002 estimated revenues for the Fund total \$10,231,000 from the following sources: \$931,000 from federal Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funds; \$4.7 million from criminal surcharges and fines; \$300,000 from donations, inmate wages, and recovery from insurance companies; and \$400,000 from restitution. An additional \$3.9 million carried forward from FY 2001.
2. FY 2002 estimated expenditures from the Fund total \$6,821,000 as follows: \$4.0 million in claims from eligible victims as defined in Chapters 910 and 915, Code of Iowa; \$694,000 for victim services grants pursuant to Chapter 236, Code of Iowa; \$1,442,000 for administrative costs as defined in Chapter 915, Code of Iowa; \$485,000 for sexual abuse examinations pursuant to Chapter 915, Code of Iowa; \$100,000 for victim advocate training pursuant to Chapter 915, Code of Iowa; and \$100,000 for collection expenses pursuant to Chapter 915, Code of Iowa.
3. Based on actuarial studies conducted in other states, at least \$2.7 million is required to be held in reserve so that the Fund remains actuarially sound. Under current law, the estimated ending balance for FY 2002 is approximately \$3.4 million.

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 2032 will result in additional costs to the Crime Victim Compensation Fund of approximately \$690,000 annually. In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Justice will reimburse the Crime Victim Compensation Fund 60.0% of the costs for direct payment to victims. Therefore, \$414,000 will be reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Justice while \$276,000 will be reimbursed by the Victim Compensation Fund.

Source

Department of Justice

_____/s/ Dennis C Prouty_____

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The fiscal note and correction impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
